# 2 3 4 5 In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 2012-572 GINA M. JAMROZY DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER P O Box 313 7 Fairfax, CA 94978 [Gov. Code, §11520] 8 Registered Nurse License No. 602734 9 RESPONDENT 10 11 12 **FINDINGS OF FACT** 13 On or about March 26, 2012, Complainant Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN, in her 14 official capacity as the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department 15 of Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. 2012-572 against Gina M. Jamrozy (Respondent) 16 before the Board of Registered Nursing. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.) 17 On or about July 26, 2002, the Board of Registered Nursing (Board) issued 18 Registered Nurse License No. 602734 to Respondent. The Registered Nurse License was in full 19 force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and expired on April 30, 2012 20 and has not been renewed. 21 3. On or about March 26, 2012, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class 22 Mail copies of the Accusation No. 2012-572, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, 23 Request for Discovery, and Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 to 24 Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 136 25 and/Title 16, California Code of Regulation, section 1409.1, is required to be reported and 26 maintained with the Board, which was and is:

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Fairfax, CA 94978.

- 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section 124.
- 5. On or about May 30, 2012, Respondent signed and returned a Notice of Defense, requesting a hearing in this matter. On or about August 31, 2012, Respondent withdrew her Notice of Defense via e-mail.
  - 6. Business and Professions Code section 2764 states:

The lapsing or suspension of a license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licentiate shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to proceed with an investigation of or action or disciplinary proceeding against such license, or to render a decision suspending or revoking such license.

- 7. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
- (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.
  - 8. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:
- (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent.
- 9. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board after having reviewed the proof of service dated March 26, 2012, signed by Kami Pratab, finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on Accusation No. 2012-572 and the documents contained in Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this matter which includes:
  - Exhibit 1: Pleadings offered for jurisdictional purposes; Accusation No. 2012-572,

    Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense (two blank copies), Request for Discovery and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections

. 1	11507.5, 11507.6 and 11507.7), proof of service;, mail receipt Notice of
2	Defense, Withdrawal of Notice of Defense (e-mail);
3	Exhibit 2: License History Certification for Gina M. Jamrozy, Registered Nurse
4	License No. 602734;
5	Exhibit 3: Affidavit of Lee Adamson;
6	Exhibit 4: Certification of costs by Board for investigation and enforcement in Case
7	No. 2012-572;
-8	Exhibit 5: Declaration of costs by Office of the Attorney General for prosecution of
9	Case No. 2012-572.
10	The Board finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2012-572 are separately and
11	severally true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.
12	10. Taking official notice of Certification of Board Costs and the Declaration of Costs by
13	the Office of the Attorney General contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence
14	Packet, pursuant to the Business and Professions Code section 125.3, it is hereby determined that
15	the reasonable costs for Investigation and Enforcement in connection with the Accusation are
16	\$8,178.00 as of October 3, 2012.
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Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Gina M. Jamrozy has subjected her following license(s) to discipline:

**DETERMINATION OF ISSUES** 

- Registered Nurse License No. 602734
- 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.
- 3. The Board of Registered Nursing is authorized to revoke Respondent's license(s) based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation, which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this case.
  - Violation of Business and Professions Code section 2761(a) Unprofessional Conduct.
  - Violation of Business and Professions Code section 2762(b) Use of controlled b. substance or alcohol to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to oneself and others.

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#### **ORDER**

IT IS SO ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. 602734, heretofore issued to Respondent Gina M. Jamrozy, is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on

It is so ORDERED

<u>cember 14, 2012</u>

Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs State of California

Attachment:

Exhibit A: Accusation No. 2012-572

Accusation No. 2012-572

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8	BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
9	STATE OF CONSCIDENT AFFAIRS  STATE OF CALIFORNIA
10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 2012-572
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12	GINA M. JAMROZY P.O. Box 313
13	Fairfax, CA 94978 ACCUSATION
14	Registered Nurse License No. 602734
15	Respondent.
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17	Complainant alleges:
18	<u>PARTIES</u>
19	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her
20	official capacity as the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department
21	of Consumer Affairs.
22	2. On or about July 26, 2002, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered Nurse
23	License Number 602734 to Gina M. Jamrozy (Respondent). The Registered Nurse License was
24	in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April
25	30, 2012, unless renewed.
26	<u>JURISDICTION</u>
27	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Registered Nursing (Board),
28	Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section
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references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

- 4. Section **2750** of the Business and Professions Code (Code) provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 5. Section **2764** of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license.

#### **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

- 6. Section 2761(a) of the Code states, in pertinent part, that the Board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license based upon unprofessional conduct.
  - 7. Section **2762** of the Code states, in pertinent part:

In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter it is unprofessional conduct for a person licensed under this chapter to do any of the following:

(b) Use any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code, or any dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in Section 4022, or alcoholic beverages, to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to himself or herself, any other person, or the public or to the extent that such use impairs his or her ability to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by his or her license.

#### DANGEROUS DRUG/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

8. Section **4021** of the Code states:

"Controlled substance" means any substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code.

9. Section **4022** of the Code states:

"Dangerous drug" or "dangerous device" means any drug or device unsafe for self-use, except veterinary drugs that are labeled as such, and includes the following:

- (a) Any drug that bears the legend: "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription," "Rx only," or words of similar import.
- (b) Any device that bears the statement: "Caution: federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a \_\_\_\_\_\_," "Rx only," or words of similar import, the blank to be filled in with the designation of the practitioner licensed to use or order use of the device.
- (c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006."

#### **COSTS**

10. Section 125.3(a) of the Code states, in pertinent part:

Except as otherwise provided by law, in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before any board within the department . . . the board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

# FACTUAL SUMMARY

- 11. Respondent has a history of substance abuse which originated in or about 2003. From that time, and continuing to the present, Respondent has abused alcohol and various controlled substances including, but not limited to, Ativan, Dilaudid, Hydrocodone, Klonopin, Methadone, Percocet and Valium.
- 12. On or about August 30, 2008, Respondent was on duty as a registered nurse at Kaiser San Rafael Medical Center (hereinafter "Kaiser") in San Rafael, California. At that time, Respondent's co-workers observed that Respondent exhibited slow, slurred speech and impaired motor skills. Respondent was sent home. Respondent later admitted that she had been under the influence of controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs at that time.
  - 13. Respondent took a medical leave from Kaiser from May, 2009 through November,

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2009. In or about June, 2009, Respondent entered an intensive outpatient program in San Francisco, California, to address her substance abuse issues. Respondent failed to complete the program and left the program in November, 2009, to return to work at Kaiser.

- 14. On or about December 12, 2009, Respondent crashed her car while under the influence of controlled substances.
- 15. On or about December 13 and 14, 2009, Respondent was again on duty as a registered nurse at Kaiser. On both of those days, Respondent's co-workers observed that Respondent exhibited slow/slurred speech, an inability to focus, and an apparent inability to accurately make chart entries. Respondent also left medication unattended on a patient's bedside table, in violation of Kaiser's policy and, at one point, forgot to admit a patient who had been referred to her floor for admission. Respondent later admitted that these behaviors were the result of substance abuse.
- 16. On or about January 28, 2010, Respondent entered the Board's "Maximus" diversion program. Pursuant to the program requirements, Respondent was required to submit urine tests and participate in treatment for substance abuse issues. Respondent was required, as a condition of her participation in the Maximus program, to abstain from drug and alcohol use.
- 17. On or about March 14, 2011, Respondent submitted a urine sample which was found, upon testing, to be positive for alcohol. Respondent later admitted that she had treated herself to a shot of tequila for her birthday. As a result of this violation of the Maximus program, Respondent was assessed to be in need of residential treatment. Because Respondent refused to comply with this assessment, on March 22, 2011, Respondent was terminated from the Maximus program. Pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 2770.11, the program informed the Board that Respondent is a public safety risk and/or is at risk of harming herself.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

18. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 2761(a) and 2762(b) of the Code in that she acted unprofessionally, as set forth above in paragraphs 11-17.

# SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Possession and Use of Drugs)

19. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 2761(a) and 2762(b) of the Code in that she used controlled substances as defined in Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code, and/or any dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in Section 4022, and/or alcoholic beverages, to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to herself, any other person, or the public and/or to the extent that such use impaired her ability to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by her license, as set forth above in paragraph 11-17.

### **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

- Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 602734, issued to Gina
   M. Jamrozy;
- 2. Ordering Gina M. Jamrozy to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
  - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: March 26, 2012

LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN

Interim Executive Officer
Board of Registered Nursing
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant